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1. An all-Russian Trade Union Congress will be called within the next months and the chairman of the Trade Union Council, N.M. Shvernik, is preparing for it in broadcasts, articles, and consultations, as well as regional conferences of Party and trade union organizations. The Congress will be largely devoted to domestic problems, especially to the support of Malenkov's new course in agriculture and consumer goods production. It will also intensify the drive for better labor teamwork in the kolkhozes.
2. This all-Russian Trade Union Congress will have some importance for Soviet foreign policy, since through its ties with the WFTU it will step up propaganda in Western Europe for a united workers front against the capitalist warmongers, especially in France and Italy.
3. Malenkov is also planning to call the twentieth all-Russian Communist Party Congress for the end of 1954 or the beginning of 1955. Preparations for the Party Congress are being made in secret. The convocation of this congress and its successful functioning would be an important step toward the consolidation of Malenkov's position as the leader of the post-Stalin collegium.

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